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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with [REDACTED]

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1. At 1:30 today I called [REDACTED] to thank him for his interest in possible affiliation as a consultant in the CIA attack on the "flying saucer" problem. I told him we regretted that the urgency of his current work for AEC [REDACTED] prevented association at this time.

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2. [REDACTED] stated that he might not be able to actively assist even after March 1953 because of his work on "particle research". However, he would be pleased at any time to discuss the matter briefly. He mentioned two foreign nationals who were currently outstanding in related fields. One was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who is an authority on the aurorae and its associated "mysterious problems" of "ion path" and "magnetic focussing". Dr. O'Day (Director of Research at Cambridge, Massachusetts USAF Research Center) might be able to suggest [REDACTED] in this field. It appears that the Air Force has been studying upper atmospheric phenomena there with considerable vigor.

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3. Another suggestion was [REDACTED] an "original thinker and outstanding researcher". He has written [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] some method of using one or both of these men might be devised [REDACTED] assuming the problem continued for an appreciable length of time and scientific attack was warranted.

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 1 - Daily reading file [REDACTED] file SCP-Committee [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

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Summarizing our discussion of today of the problem which you and [REDACTED] have brought to my attention, I have learned that the question at issue has no directly visualizeable connection with the work which I am doing for the Atomic Energy Commission. However, I have discovered that the question at issue is both interesting scientifically and has important defense aspects. You have asked me whether I could take part in a meeting in Washington about the subject beginning Monday, January twelfth, lasting for five days. In reply I reported that I am perfectly willing to take part in such an interesting evaluation and planning session, if this participation is considered appropriate by the Atomic Energy Commission; or, in particular, by General Kenneth Fields, head of the Division of Military Applications. My primary obligation is to carry out the program for the Commission for which I am responsible here at Princeton. I consider this sufficiently important that I would not feel it appropriate to take part in these sessions in question unless told by General Fields that he thought this was advisable.

Thanks for your very interesting briefing about a very fascinating problem.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: [REDACTED]